CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

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BRAZIL, BURMA, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, SWEDEN AND THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.

Joint Memorandum on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The Disarmament Commission of the United Nations adopted Resolution DC/225 on 15 June, 1965, with an overwhelming majority and, inter alia, "convinced that failure to conclude a universal treaty or agreement to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons leads to the most serious consequences", recommended that the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee should "also accord special priority to the consideration of the question of a treaty or convention to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, giving close attention to the various suggestions that agreement could be facilitated by adopting a programme of certain related measures."

The delegations of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic have been deeply concerned with this problem. They have noted with satisfaction that the other members of the Committee also expressed their anxiety in regard to this problem. The delegations of the NATO countries represented in the Committee have submitted a draft treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. The non-aligned delegations regret, however, that it has not yet been possible to reconcile the various approaches for an appropriate or adequate treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

In these circumstances, the delegations of Brazil, Burma. Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic believe that it would be of advantage if they placed on record their basic approach to the question of non-proliferation. A treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons is not an end in itself but only a means to an end. That end is the achievement of General and Complete Disarmament, and, more particularly, nuclear disarmament. The eight delegations are convinced that measures to prohibit the spread of nuclear weapons should, therefore, be coupled with or followed by tangible steps to halt the nuclear arms race and to limit, reduce and eliminate the stocks of nuclear weapons and the means of their delivery.

The delegations of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic express the hope that their basic approach concerning a non-proliferation treaty as put forward in the foregoing paragraphs will receive general acceptance so that a draft treaty on prevention of proliferation of nuclear weapons receives the support of the entire international community.

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Joint Memorandum on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The international community has for many years urged upon all states, particularly the major powers, the imperative need to reach agreement on the cessation of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time. The United Nations has adopted several resolutions on the subject, particularly Resolution 1762 (XVII) which condemned all tests.

The Moscow Test Ban Treaty, entered into on August 5, 1963, was a significant first step in this direction. The preamble to this Treaty expressed the determination of the nuclear powers to continue negotiations for achieving the discontinuance of all nuclear weapo tests. Unfortunately, no progress has yet been made towards this end, and test explosions continue to take place despite repeated calls by the United Nations for the urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests [Resolution 1910 (XVIII)]. In particular, the United Nations has called upon the Eighteen-Nation disarmament Committee to continue with a sense of urgency its negotiations on that behalf.

The delegations of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic noted that the Disarmament Commission, convened in April-June 1965, took special interest in the question of the prohibition of nuclear weapon tests, and made a special mention of the initiative taken by the eight delegations as contained in the memorandum they jointly submitted to the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee on 14 September 1964. Resolution DC/225 of June 15, 1965, especially recommended that the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee should consider as a matter of priority the question of extending the scope of the Partial Test Ban Treaty to cover underground tests.

In response to world public opinion and to the will of the United Nations as embodied in the various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, as well as in implementation of the Resolution 225 of the Disarmament Commission, the delegations of the eight non-aligned states have continued to pursue with urgency and determination, in the present session of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, the question of the discontinuance of nuclear weapon tests. They have also elaborated various proposals and suggestions made by them in this respect.

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The delegations of the eight non-aligned states are convinced that the discontinuance of the underground tests and the conclusion of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will not only consolidate the Partial Test Ban Treaty but also in itself constitute a measure towards non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. It will strengthen the efforts being made to reach agreement on an appropriate treaty about non-proliferation, and generally improve the international climate.

The delegations of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic have noted with satisfaction the declarations made during the current session of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee that there has been considerable improvement in the techniques of detection and identification of underground tests. They therefore urge the Nuclear Powers to take immediate steps to reach an agreement to ban all nuclear weapon tests. They still believe that agreement on a treaty banning underground tests could be facilitated by the exchange of scientific and other information between the Nuclear Powers or by the improvement of detection and identification techniques, if necessary. Meanwhile, they reiterate their appeal to the powers concerned to suspend forthwith nuclear weapon tests in all environments. In order to assist the Nuclear Powers in observing suspension of underground tests, the non-aligned delegations stress the advantages that would accrue from international cooperation in the work of seismic detection.

The eight delegations reaffirm their stand that all nuclear weapon tests should cease immediately.

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REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMISSION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Conference of the Eighteen Nation Committee on Disarmament transmits to the United Nations Disarmament Commission and to the General Assembly, a report on the Committee's deliberations on all questions before it for the period 27 July 1965 to 16 September 1965.

Representatives of the following States continued their participation in the work of the Committee:

Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America.

I. Procedural Arrangements

A. Upon recommendation of the Co-Chairmen, members of the Committee reconvened the Conference on 27 July 1965.

B. Seventeen plenary meetings took place between 27 July 1965 and 16 September 1965.

C. The Committee at its 234th meeting on 16 September 1965, having in view the convening of the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly on 21 September 1965, decided to adjourn this session of the Conference following its plenary meeting on 16 September 1965. The Committee decided to resume its meetings in Geneva as soon as possible after the termination of the consideration of disarmament at the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly, on a date to be decided by the two Co-Chairmen after consultation with the members of the Committee.

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II. General and Complete Disarmament and Measures Aimed at the Lessening of International Tension, the Consolidation of Confidence Among States, and Facilitating General and Complete Disarmament

Members of the Committee have continued discussion of general and complete disarmament in meetings of the Committee. The Committee considers it to be a primary goal of its future work to continue efforts to develop a treaty on general and complete disarmament under effective international control. However, in view of present international developments, a number of members concentrated their attention at this session of the Conference on collateral measures.

In its efforts to achieve and implement the widest possible agreement at the earliest possible date, the Committee continued consideration in its plenary meetings of such measures as could be agreed to prior to, and as would facilitate the achievement of, general and complete disarmament.

On 26 July 1965 the Co-Chairmen received a letter (ENDC/149) from the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission transmitting to the Committee document DC/224, addressed to the United Nations General Assembly and containing the text of the resolution adopted by the Disarmament Commission on 12 June 1965 on the question of a world disarmament conference, and document DC/225, containing the text of the resolution adopted by the Disarmament Commission on 15 June 1965 which, inter-alia, made certain specific recommendations to the Committee.

On 27 July 1965, at the 218th meeting, the United States submitted a message from President Lyndon B. Johnson to the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament (ENDC/150).

On 29 July 1965, at the 219th meeting, the United Kingdom representative read a message to the Conference from Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

On 5 August 1965, at the 221st meeting, the Committee issued a statement on the second anniversary of the signing of the limited test ban treaty in Moscow which stated that the Committee considered more urgent than ever further progress on disarmament measures.

On 10 August 1965 a letter was submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics representative to the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations (ENDC/151).

On 17 August 1965, at the 224th meeting, the United States, supported by the delegations of Canada, Italy, and the United Kingdom, submitted a draft treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons (ENDC/152)* and a statement by President Lyndon B. Johnson on this draft treaty (ENDC/153).

On 2 September 1965, at the 229th meeting, Sweden submitted a memorandum on international co-operation for the detection of underground explosions (ENDC/154)*.

On 9 September 1965, at the 231st meeting, the United Kingdom submitted notes on United Kingdom research on techniques for distinguishing between earthquakes and underground explosions (ENDC/155)*.

On 14 September 1965, at the 232nd meeting, Italy submitted a draft unilateral non-acquisition declaration (ENDC/157)*.

On 15 September 1965, at the 233rd meeting, a joint memorandum on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (ENDC/158*)* was submitted by Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden, and the United Arab Republic.

Also at the 233rd meeting on 15 September 1965, Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden, and the United Arab Republic submitted a joint memorandum on a comprehensive test ban (ENDC/159*)*.

As at past sessions, the questions before the Committee were in general discussed in a thorough manner. All the participants in the Committee took an active part in this discussion, and a number of interesting suggestions were put forward. The Soviet Union stated its readiness to meet the position taken by the United Arab Republic and to agree to its proposal that the implementation of the Moscow Treaty relating to the banning of tests of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water should be extended to cover under-ground nuclear tests above a seismic magnitude of 4.75, and that as an additional measure the nuclear Powers should agree to a moratorium on all other forms of under-ground nuclear testing until such time as agreement had been reached on an overall ban on nuclear weapons tests. The United States reiterated its readiness to conclude an adequately verified comprehensive test ban treaty and in this regard emphasized the desirability of an exchange of scientific information among nuclear powers as suggested by the eight non-aligned states in document ENDC/145.

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* Indicates Conference documents which are attached at Annex 1.

The Committee did not reach any specific agreement at this session either on questions of general and complete disarmament or on measures aimed at the lessening of international tension. However, the members of the Committee believe that the extensive discussions on major problems relating to certain collateral measures were particularly valuable in clarifying the respective points of views of member governments. The Committee believes that these discussions and exchanges of views may facilitate agreement in the further work of the Committee.

III. Meetings of the Co-chairmen

During the period covered by this report, the Representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the United States of America, in their capacity as Co-Chairmen of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament, held meetings to discuss the schedule of and procedure for the work of the Conference and certain substantive questions before the Conference.

IV. Conference Documents

Transmitted as Annex II to this report is a list of all documents and verbatim records of the plenary meetings.

This report is submitted by the Co-Chairmen on behalf of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

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United States of America

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ANNEX I

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CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Draft Treaty to prevent the spread of Nuclear Weapons

The Parties to this Treaty,

Desiring to promote international peace and security,

Desiring in particular to refrain from taking steps which will extend and intensify the arms race,

Believing that the further spread of nuclear weapons will jeaopardize these ends,

Recalling that Resolution 1665 (XVI) of the General Assembly of the United Nations urges all States to cooperate for these purposes,

Desiring to achieve effective agreements to halt the nuclear arms race, and to reduce armaments, including particularly nuclear arsenals,

Reaffirming their determination to achieve agreement on general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. Each of the nuclear States Party to this Treaty undertakes not to transfer any nuclear weapons into the national control of any non-nuclear State, either directly, or indirectly through a military alliance, and each undertakes not to take any other action which would cause an increase in the total number of States and other organizations having independent power to use nuclear weapons.

2. Each of the nuclear States Party to this Treaty undertakes not to assist any non-nuclear State in the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

ARTICLE II

1. Each of the non-nuclear States Party to this Treaty undertakes not to manufacture nuclear weapons; each undertakes not to seek or to receive the transfer of such weapons into its national control, either directly, or indirectly through a military alliance; and each undertakes not to take any other action which would cause an increase in the total number of States and other organizations having independent power to use nuclear weapons.

2. Each of the non-nuclear States Party to this Treaty undertakes not to seek or to receive assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons, or itself to grant such assistance.

ARTICLE III

Each of the States Party to this Treaty undertakes to cooperate in facilitating the application of International Atomic Energy Agency or equivalent international safeguards on all peaceful nuclear activities.

ARTICLE IV

In this Treaty

(a) -- "nuclear State" means a State possessing independent power to use nuclear weapons as of

_____(date).

(b) -- "non-nuclear State" means any State which is not a nuclear State.

ARTICLE V

1. This Treaty shall be open to all States for signature. Any State which does not sign this Treaty before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article may accede to it at any time.

2. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United States of America, which are hereby designated the Depositary Governments.

3. This Treaty shall enter into force on the deposit of instruments of ratification by _____ (a certain number of) governments, including those of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United States of America.

4. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of this Treaty, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

5. The Depositary Governments shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding states of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification of and accession to this Treaty, and the date of its entry into force.

6. This Treaty shall be registered by the Depositary Governments pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VI

1. This Treaty shall remain in force indefinitely subject to the right of any Party to the Treaty to withdraw from the Treaty if it decides that extraordinary events related to the subject matter of the Treaty have jeopardized the supreme interests of its country. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to all other signatory and acceding States and to the United Nations Security Council three months in advance. Such notice shall include a statement of the extraordinary events it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.

2. _____ years after the entry into force of this Treaty, a conference of parties may be held at a date and place to be fixed by agreement of two-thirds of the parties in order to review the operation of the Treaty.

ARTICLE VII

This Treaty, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the Depositary Governments. Duly certified copies of this Treaty shall be transmitted by the Depositary Governments to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Treaty.

DONE in triplicate at the city of _____, the _____ day of _____, one thousand nine hundred and sixty five.

CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

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SWEDEN

Memorandum on international co-operation for the detection of underground nuclear explosions

In view of the efforts being made to extend the partial test ban to cover also underground nuclear tests, the question of improving existing facilities for monitoring seismic events has received increased attention. The scientific advisers, attached to the Swedish delegation at the ENDC, a few months ago presented a discussion paper on extended international co-operation in seismology for detection purposes ("detection club"). The Swedish delegation has the honour to present to the ENDC for information its views on this subject.

Underground nuclear explosions do not, as a rule, generate global distributions of easily detected radio active debris. So far the seismic method seems to be the only technical way to detect them. Since the conclusion of the partial test ban considerable progress has been made in the fields of seismic detection. Problems, however, still remain in the fields of identification and inspection. These problems are not discussed in this paper which is confined to the problem of detection, i.e. questions related to the national systems of seismological detection.

The seismological stations are not yet optimally developed in all countries. It is surmised that if the means of detection were sufficiently developed, the problem of identification, i.e. of distinguishing between natural earthquakes and man-made explosions would be greatly facilitated.

Well equipped and well located stations can now detect events corresponding to yields of the order of one kiloton from distances up to 10.000 kilometres, covering half the globe. Hence no state has territories large enough to contain such seismic signals within its borders. The methods to record these signals seems now to be good enough to permit an adequate "national means only" solution of the detection part of the verification problem. If, however, the data emanating from the national systems were kept insulated within the national framework of each country, few of these, if any, would be large enough to monitor signals from the whole globe. To make it possible for all nations, interested in the compliance with a treaty banning

nuclear test explosions, to follow and also seek to evaluate events, presupposes availability of data from several stations in widely distributed and suitably selected locations. Such co-operation by exchange of seismological data is already internationally instituted for the purpose of monitoring and studying earthquakes.

As new and technologically much more advanced seismic stations are now being established and data flowing from them are beginning to reach the community of scientists in this field, the time has come to consider which forms further collaboration should take. We think that states, interested on one hand in furthering seismological observations and research and on the other hand in the detection of underground explosions, will find it useful to co-operate in an exchange of pertinent seismological observations. Such a "detection club" would essentially be an international data service, giving access to first class data for independent analysis.

If such co-operation is started before an underground test ban enters into force, research on the remaining test ban verification problems will be facilitated.

The last mentioned aspect has led the Swedish Government to plan certain steps to establish in Sweden appropriate resources for seismological observation and analysis. The observation data will be made available to all interested parties, and Sweden expects to get corresponding information in return.

The detection club data should preferably come from good instruments on good sites, globally distributed in advantageous positions. Although a broad participation would be desirable, such a global network could be based on seismological observations from selected stations in a rather small number of countries.

In order to broaden the uncertainty range of the absolute detection threshold facing a prospective test ban violator and thus increase the deterrence capability of seismological verification systems it is foreseen that some stations might remain outside the network of co-operating stations.

The data exchanged should comprise short messages - of the bulletin type currently used by seismologists - continuously circulated on a time scale appropriate to detection efforts. It would also be of great value if the results of calculations on bulletin data were included. The data co-operation should, furthermore, comprise the exchange, upon request, of copies of records.

Another essential element of the proposed co-operation would be the facilitation of the data exchange by the adoption of appropriate standards for instrumentation and data formats.

One will also have to consider that the existing and projected advanced seismological stations will extract a very large amount of information from the earth. To cope with this immense quantity of data it may prove necessary to establish some international co-ordinating body.

International data exchange is since long a well established practice in the geophysical sciences. The paramount importance of such co-operation for seismology has generated several national, regionally international and global schemes for the collection, analysis and exchange of data. Examples of regionally international schemes are the arrangements maintained in France, Japan, the USSR and the United States,

Indeed, much of the desiderata for the extended data exchange proposed in this paper is already met by the existing arrangements for scientific purposes. Thus, the specific needs of a "detection club" would in many cases require only adjustments of present national and international efforts.

The development of the science of geophysics and of the technique of test ban verification are closely connected. It would therefore be advantageous for all concerned to make the "detection club" data available to all scientists, to use such standards as might be sponsored by the International Council of Scientific Unions, to seek ways to achieve rapid circul tion of bulletin data on some global telecommunication network accessible to scientists (e.g the one used by the World Metereological Organization for weather data and tapped in all countries) and to achieve co-ordination as far as possible, with existing global seismological co-operative efforts, such as the International Seismological Centre at Edinburgh.

The considerations in this paper have been formulated so as to help achieve more effective seismological detection as well as to allow science to benefit from resources allocated for detection purposes and vice versa, while avoiding to place an unwanted politcal burden upon scientists.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Notes on United Kingdom Research on techniques for distinguishing between earthquakes and underground explosions

The E.N.D.C. is familiar with the history of the Experts Conference here in Geneva in 1958 and its recommendations for monitoring possible violations of a nuclear test ban treaty in all environments. Then, as now, discussions about how to distinguish between earthquakes and man-made underground explosions proved most difficult of all. This continuing difficulty is reflected in the fact that while it is still not possible to obtain agreement on this problem, a treaty banning nuclear tests in all other environments has been concluded.

When it became clear that for various reasons the control system recommended at Geneva in 1958 was unlikely to be implemented, scientists in the United Kingdom took a new look at the possibilities of detecting underground events at much greater distances than the 1000 kilometre range required for the Geneva recommendations of 1958. The thought was that seismic waves generated at such distances as would enable them to travel through the earth's homogeneous deep mantle should be much freer from the complexities introduced at shorter ranges by heterogeneities along shallower propagation paths through the earth's crust. With this concept in mind, U.K. scientists embarked on a seismic research programme to examine the possibilities of developing a detection system very different from that already recommended at Geneva.

The problem was seen as calling not only for research in all the usual seismic conditions but also as one where the seismic problem itself should be examined as one of exact measurement. The latter aspect immediately led to all recordings being made in such a way as would enable them to be processed electronically. By increasing the number of seismometers per station and deploying them in beam-forming arrays, by placing them in deep boreholes and by seeking lower noise sites than previously used,

the possibility of great improvements in the signal to noise ratio soon became apparent with an essentially increased ability to see the first motions of the compressional or P waves arriving from a seismic source.

It was found that arrays of this particular type offered the greatest promise of advancement. As well as offering a signal to noise improvement in proportion to the square root of the number of seismometers used, they allowed the possibility of turning the array to more than one signal component velocity, thus improving the reception of later signal components, they offered an approximate determination of the direction of the source and they provided a body of data which enabled a method for determining depth of focus to be applied with considerable success. With such early encouragement scientists in the U.K. intensified their work with these arrays and established an experimental facility in U.K. to develop array techniques and prove instrumentation. At the same time, in close collaboration with their colleagues in the U.S., they established a similar experimental facility in the U.S. From this work it became apparent that a completely new concept of methods could be used to detect and identify earthquakes. The main facts then emerging may be summarised as follows:

(a) Application of data processing techniques to magnetic tape recordings increased the capability of determining first motion of the first wave.

(b) Estimation of the focal depth of events could be improved.

(c) Array type stations could be operated effectively beyond 3000 kilometres, as compared with the 1000 kilometres range for the previous Geneva system.

(d) Comparative differences in the characteristics of seismic waves from earthquakes and explosions were enhanced.

These advances suggested that the seismic detection and identification required to monitor a ban on underground tests could be carried out by a relatively small number of array stations at teleseismic distances. The reduced number of station sites in turn increased the possibility of confining stations to the quietest seismic sites available and this in itself led to a significant improvement in attaining the signal to noise ratio necessary to detect the smallest events of interest.

The next stage in this research work obviously called for a specific study of explosions and earthquakes at teleseismic distances using large arrays. In the U.K.

case these have varied from about 10 to 25 kilometres in length, are of a crossed linear geometry rather than triangular or radial and are carefully sited for noise, interference, and topographical characteristics. This phase of the work is a continuing part of the research programme still being pursued by U.K. scientists.

In the development and application of these array systems there are many variants to be examined. These include array geometry, site noise level, the number and characteristics of seismometers to be deployed. The results to be reported from the very large array experiment now being carried out in the United States will be of great interest. It is hoped that the approach taken by U.K. scientists will also contribute to resolving this difficult problem of distinguishing between natural seismic events and man-made underground explosions. A corresponding statement from any other delegation which has a contribution to report would be welcome. But behind all this, many detailed technical problems arise calling for detailed technical discussion. It would therefore be greatly preferable to have the scientists working on these problems brought together to discuss their work and assess the possibilities of creating an effective monitoring system for the detection and identification of underground nuclear explosions. It may well be that an effective monitoring system will call not for one particular type of array but various types depending on local seismic and topographical characteristics, as well as costs.

In the meantime the U.K. has continually sought to exploit these new technical advances as they have come along. They made possible a new approach to an underground test ban in 1962 and the West have continued to modify their position as scientific evidence has accumulated. Some of this work has already been published and all the work carried out by U.K. scientists is now being prepared for publication. That work was the subject of a symposium sponsored by the Royal Society in January of this year and to which representatives from many countries, including the Soviet Union, were invited.

Nevertheless, with all these technical advances there still remains a residual number of seismic events at or above seismic magnitude 4.0 that would be unidentifiable by remote seismological observations alone, and which could be suspected as possible violations of a test ban, unless they could be eliminated by some supplementary means such as on-site inspection being applied in some measure. This is the

problem that still confronts us and that prevents an extension of the test ban treaty to cover the underground environment. It remains to be seen whether further research can provide any significant improvement on the position now reached but if there is such a possibility the U.K. believe that it could only be hastened in a detailed joint examination of the advances now achieved in the Soviet Union, the United States and the United Kingdom.

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I T A L Y

Draft of Unilateral Non-Acquisition Declaration

The Government of ..... not having national control of nuclear weapons, desiring to promote international peace and security and to achieve general and complete disarmament under effective international control,
recalling General Assembly Resolution 1665 (XVI);
reaffirming the necessity of an international agreement to stop the spread of nuclear weapons,

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hoping that such agreements will be achieved very soon,

declares that: from the date of the entry into force of the present declaration and for a period of ..... years, 1) it will not manufacture or otherwise acquire national control of nuclear weapons; 2) it will not seek or receive assistance from other States in the manufacture of any such weapons; 3) it will accept the applicatio of IAEA or equivalent international safeguards on its nuclear activities;

declares further that: 1) the present undertakings are conditioned upon similar declarations, issued by at least ..... States within six months from the signature of the present declaration; 2) three months before the expiration of the above said period of .... years, it will consult other signatories of similar declarations, in order to prolong the said undertakings, considering the progress which has been made toward international agreements to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, or to halt the nuclear arms race, and to reduce nuclear arsenals; 3) it reserves all freedom of action if a non-nuclear State in any way acquires within the above-mentioned period of ..... years national control of nuclear weapons.

invites all States not having national control of nuclear weapons, and particularly those which are already approaching nuclear capability, to engage, as a matter of urgency, in the undertakings as set forth in the present declaration;

calls upon all States to respect and to observe the principles of this declaration and to encourage their observance by other States.

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BRAZIL, BURMA, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, SWEDEN AND THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

Joint Memorandum on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The international community has for many years urged upon all states, particularly the major powers, the imperative need to reach agreement on the cessation of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time. The United Nations has adopted several resolutions on the subject, particularly Resolution 1762 (XVII) which condemned all tests.

The Moscow Test Ban Treaty, entered into on August 5, 1963, was a significant first step in this direction. The preamble to this Treaty expressed the determination of the nuclear powers to continue negotiations for achieving the discontinuance of all nuclear weapon tests. Unfortunately, no progress has yet been made towards this end, and test explosions continue to take place despite repeated calls by the United Nations for the urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests [Resolution 1910 (XVIII)]. In particular, the United Nations has called upon the Eighteen-Nation disarmament Committee to continue with a sense of urgency its negotiations on that behalf.

The delegations of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic noted that the Disarmament Commission, convened in April-June 1965, took special interest in the question of the prohibition of nuclear weapon tests, and made a special mention of the initiative taken by the eight delegations as contained in the memorandum they jointly submitted to the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee on 14 September 1964. Resolution DC/225 of June 15, 1965, especially recommended that the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee should consider as a matter of priority the question of extending the scope of the Partial Test Ban Treaty to cover underground tests.

In response to world public opinion and to the will of the United Nations as embodied in the various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, as well as in implementation of the Resolution 225 of the Disarmament Commission, the delegations of the eight non-aligned states have continued to pursue with urgency and determination, in the present session of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, the question of the discontinuance of nuclear weapon tests. They have also elaborated various proposals and suggestions made by them in this respect.

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* This document supersedes the document ENDC/159.

The delegations of the eight non-aligned states are convinced that the discontinuance of the underground tests and the conclusion of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will not only consolidate the Partial Test Ban Treaty but also in itself constitute a measure towards non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. It will strengthen the efforts being made to reach agreement on an appropriate treaty about non-proliferation, and generally improve the international climate.

The delegations of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic have noted with satisfaction the declarations made during the current session of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee that there has been considerable improvement in the techniques of detection and identification of underground tests. They therefore urge the Nuclear Powers to take immediate steps to reach an agreement to ban all nuclear weapon tests. They still believe that agreement on a treaty banning underground tests could be facilitated by the exchange of scientific and other information between the Nuclear Powers or by the improvement of detection and identification techniques, if necessary. Meanwhile, they reiterate their appeal to the powers concerned to suspend forthwith nuclear weapon tests in all environments. In order to assist the Nuclear Powers in observing suspension of underground tests, the non-aligned delegations stress the advantages that would accrue from international cooperation in the work of seismic detection.

The eight delegations reaffirm their stand that all nuclear weapon tests should cease immediately.

ANNEX II

CHECK-LIST OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE CONFERENCE

(26 July 1965 - 16 September 1965)

Part A - Verbatim records of the Conference [ENDC/PV.-series]

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Letter dated 10 August 1965 from the Chairman of the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations	10 August 1965	ENDC/151
United States of America: Draft Treaty to prevent the spread of Nuclear Weapons	17 August 1965	ENDC/152
United States of America: Statement of President Lyndon B. Johnson of 17 August 1965 on the Draft Treaty to prevent the Spread of Nuclear Weapons	16 August 1965	ENDC/153
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Title of document	Date	Symbol
Draft Report to the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the General Assembly (recommended by the co-Chairmen)	14 September 1965	ENDC/156
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Italy: Draft of Unilateral Non-Acquisition Declaration	14 September 1965	ENDC/157
Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic: Joint Memorandum on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	15 September 1965	ENDC/158
ibid	15 September 1965	ENDC/158* English only
Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic: Joint Memorandum on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty	15 September 1965	ENDC/159
ibid	15 September 1965	ENDC/159*

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List of Members of Delegations to the Conference	27 July 1965	ENDC/INF.2/Rev.21
Corrigendum to the List of Members of Delegations to the Conference	29 July 1965	ENDC/INF.2/Rev.21/ Corr.1 English only
List of Members of Delegations to the Conference	3 August 1965	ENDC/INF.2/Rev.22
Corrigendum to the List of Members of Delegations	2 September 1965	ENDC/INF.2/Rev.22 Corr.1
Check-list of documents issued between 26 July 1965 and 16 September 1965	16 September 1965	ENDC/INF.4/Add.35

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Part D - Non-governmental communications /ENDC/NGC/ - Series/

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CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

ENDC/161
27 January 1966
Original: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 1966 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE 18-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING RESOLUTIONS 2028 (XX) 2031 (XX) and 2032 (XX) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

..... I have the honour to transmit herewith A/RES/2028 (XX), containing the text of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 1382nd meeting on 19 November 1965 on the question of "Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons" and to draw your attention to paragraphs 2 and 4 of the operative part of the resolution calling on the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to give urgent consideration to the question and requesting it to submit to the General Assembly at an early date a report on the results of its work on a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

..... I also have the honour to transmit herewith A/RES/2031 (XX) containing the text of the resolution adopted at the 1388th meeting of the General Assembly held on 3 December 1965 on the "Question of general and complete disarmament", and to draw your attention to paragraphs 1 and 3 of the operative part of the resolution requesting the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to continue its efforts towards making substantial progress in reaching agreement on the question of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, as well as on collateral measures, and requesting it to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the progress achieved.

..... I also have the honour to transmit herewith A/RES/2032 (XX), containing the text of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 1388th meeting on 3 December 1965 on the "Urgent need for suspension of nuclear or thermo-nuclear tests" and to draw your attention to paragraph 3 of the operative part of the resolution requesting the Eighteen-Nation Committee to continue with a sense of urgency its work on a comprehensive test ban treaty and on arrangements to ban effectively all nuclear weapon tests in all environments, taking into account the improved possibilities for international co-operation in the field of seismic detection, and to report to the General Assembly.

Finally I would like to draw attention to the decision of the General Assembly at its 1388th meeting on 3 December 1965 to refer item 29, "Question of convening a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons" to the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament for further study and to defer consideration of this item in the General Assembly until its twenty-first session.

In connexion with paragraph 3 of A/RES/2028 (XX), the relevant documents are the following:

A/5976; A/5999; A/5991/Rev.1; A/6097
A/C.1/900; A/C.1/L.337; A/C.1/L.338; A/C.1/L.339
A/C.1/PV.1354 to A/C.1/PV.1373, incl.
A/PV.1382

In connexion with paragraph 2 of A/RES/2031 (XX), the relevant documents and records are the following:

A/5988; A/5991/Rev.1; A/5950/Rev.1; A/6129
A/C.1/900; A/C.1/L.347; A/C.1/L.348
A/C.1/L.348/Rev.1; A/C.1/L.348/Rev.2
A/C.1/L.348/Rev.3
A/C.1/PV.1392 to A/C.1/PV.1394, incl.
A/PV.1388

All of the documents and records listed above have already been circulated to all Members of the United Nations, including all members of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

Accept, Sirs, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary-General

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A/RES/2028 (XX)
23 November 1965

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the First Committee (A/6C97 and Corr.1)]

2028 (XX). Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Conscious of its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for disarmament and the consolidation of peace,

Mindful of its responsibility in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Charter, which stipulates that the General Assembly may consider the general principles of co-operation in the maintenance of international peace and security, including the principles governing disarmament and the regulation of armaments, and may make recommendations with regard to such principles to the Members or to the Security Council or to both,

Recalling its resolutions 1665 (XVI) of 4 December 1961 and 1908 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963,

Recognizing the urgency and great importance of the question of preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic to achieve the solution of the problem of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, as contained in their joint memorandum of 15 September 1965,[1]

1/ See A/5986, annex I.

Convinced that the proliferation of nuclear weapons would endanger the security of all States and make more difficult the achievement of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

Noting the declaration adopted by the Summit Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its first regular session, held at Cairo in July 1964,[2] and the Declaration entitled "Programme for Peace and International Co-operation"[3] adopted by the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo in October 1964,

Noting also the draft treaties to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons submitted by the United States of America[4] and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,[5] respectively,

Noting further that a draft unilateral non-acquisition declaration has been submitted by Italy,[6]

Convinced that General Assembly resolutions 1652 (XVI) of 24 November 1961 and 1911 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963 aim at preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Believing that it is imperative to exert further efforts to conclude a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

1. Urges all States to take all steps necessary for the early conclusion of a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons;

2. Calls upon the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to give urgent consideration to the question of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and, to that end, to reconvene as early as possible with a view to negotiating an international treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, based on the following main principles:

(a) The treaty should be void of any loop-holes which might permit nuclear or non-nuclear Powers to proliferate, directly or indirectly, nuclear weapons in any form;

2/ See the resolution entitled "Denuclearization of Africa" adopted by the Summit Conference of Heads of State and Government.

3/ See A/5763.

4/ See A/5986, annex I.

5/ See A/5976.

6/ See A/5986, annex I.

(b) The treaty should embody an acceptable balance of mutual responsibilities and obligations of the nuclear and non-nuclear Powers;

(c) The treaty should be a step towards the achievement of general and complete disarmament and, more particularly, nuclear disarmament;

(d) There should be acceptable and workable provisions to ensure the effectiveness of the treaty;

(e) Nothing in the treaty should adversely affect the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties in order to ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories;

3. Transmits the records of the First Committee relating to the discussion of the item entitled "Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons", together with all other relevant documents, to the Eighteen-Nation Committee for its consideration;

4. Requests the Eighteen-Nation Committee to submit to the General Assembly at an early date a report on the results of its work on a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

1382nd plenary meeting,
19 November 1965.

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A/RES/2031 (XX)
6 December 1965

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Agenda item 28

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the First Committee (A/6129)]

2031 (XX). Question of general and complete disarmament

The General Assembly,

Having received the reports of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,[1/]

Recalling its resolutions 1378 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 1722 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1767 (XVII) of 21 November 1962 and 1908 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963,

Conscious of its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for disarmament and the consolidation of peace,

1. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to continue its efforts towards making substantial progress in reaching agreement on the question of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, as well as on collateral measures;

2. Decides to refer to the Eighteen-Nation Committee all documents and records of the First Committee concerning all matters related to the disarmament question;

3. Requests the Eighteen-Nation Committee to resume its work as early as possible and to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the progress achieved.

1388th plenary meeting,
3 December 1965.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 9, document A/5731; and A/5986.

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A/RES/2032 (XX)
7 December 1965

Twentieth session
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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the First Committee (A/6124)]

2032 (XX). Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the cessation of nuclear and thermonuclear weapon tests and the relevant sections of the reports of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,[1/]

Recalling its resolution 1762 (XVII) of 6 November 1962 and 1910 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963 on the cessation of all test explosions of nuclear weapons,

Noting with regret that notwithstanding these resolutions nuclear weapon tests have taken place,

Recalling the undertaking given by the original signatories to the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water, signed at Moscow on 5 August 1963, to continue negotiations for the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time,

Recognizing the mounting concern of world opinion for the fulfilment of this undertaking,

Mindful of the crucial importance of a comprehensive test ban to the issue of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 9, document A/5731; and A/5986.

Noting with satisfaction the joint memorandum on a comprehensive test ban treaty submitted by Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic and annexed to the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,2/

Convinced that agreement in regard to taking this further step towards nuclear disarmament would be facilitated, inter alia, by the important improvements made in detection and identification techniques,

1. Urges that all nuclear weapon tests be suspended;

2. Calls upon all countries to respect the spirit and provisions of the Treaty on banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water;

3. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to continue with a sense of urgency its work on a comprehensive test ban treaty and on arrangements to ban effectively all nuclear weapon tests in all environments, taking into account the improved possibilities for international co-operation in the field of seismic detection, and to report to the General Assembly.

1388th plenary meeting,
3 December 1965.

2/ A/5986, annex I.

CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

ENDC/162
27 January 1966
Original: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 1966 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE 18-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING RESOLUTIONS 2030 (XX) AND 2033 (XX) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

... I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Members of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament A/RES/2030 (XX), containing the text of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 1384th plenary meeting on 29 November 1965 on the "Question of ... convening a world disarmament conference" and resolution A/RES/2033 (XX), containing the text of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 1388th meeting on 3 December 1965 on the question of "Declaration on the denuclearization of Africa".

Accept, Sirs, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary-General

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A/RES/2030 (XX)
30 November 1965

Twentieth session
Agenda item 95

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the First Committee (A/6119)]

2030 (XX). Question of convening a world disarmament conference

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the continuing interest and responsibility of the United Nations in connexion with the solution of the disarmament problem,

Reaffirming the paramount importance of disarmament for the contemporary world and the urgent need for the achievement of this goal,

Believing that it is imperative to exert further efforts towards reaching agreement on general and complete disarmament with effective international control, with a view to securing lasting peace in the world,

Convinced that all countries should contribute towards the accomplishment of disarmament and co-operate in taking immediate steps with a view to achieving progress in this field,

Convinced also that a world disarmament conference would promote the realization of general and complete disarmament,

Reaffirming the resolution adopted by the Disarmament Commission on 11 June 1965,[1/]

1. Endorses the proposal adopted at the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo in 1964, on the convening of a world disarmament conference to which all countries would be invited;

1/ DC/224.

2. Urges that the necessary consultations be conducted with all countries for the purpose of establishing a widely representative preparatory committee which will take appropriate steps for the convening of a world disarmament conference not later than 1967;

3. Urges further that all countries be kept informed, as appropriate, of the results achieved by the preparatory committee in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

1384th plenary meeting,
29 November 1965.

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A/RES/2033 (XX)
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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the First Committee (A/6127)]

2033 (XX). Declaration on the denuclearization of Africa

The General Assembly,

Believing in the vital necessity of saving contemporary and future generations from the scourge of a nuclear war,

Recalling its resolution 1652 (XVI) of 24 November 1961, which called upon all Member States to refrain from testing, storing or transporting nuclear weapons in Africa and to consider and respect the continent as a denuclearized zone,

Recalling its resolution 2028 (XX) of 19 November 1965 on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Observing that proposals for the establishment of denuclearized zones in various other areas of the world have also met with general approval,

Convinced that the denuclearization of various areas of the world would help to achieve the desired goal of prohibiting the use of nuclear weapons,

Considering that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, at its first regular session, held at Cairo from 17 to 21 July 1964, issued a solemn declaration on the denuclearization of Africa in which the Heads of State and Government announced their readiness to undertake, in an international treaty to be concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, not to manufacture or acquire control of nuclear weapons,

Noting that this declaration on the denuclearization of Africa was endorsed by the Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries in the Declaration issued on 10 October 1964,[1] at the close of their Second Conference, held at Cairo,

1/ See A/5763.

Recognizing that the denuclearization of Africa would be a practical step towards the prevention of the further spread of nuclear weapons in the world and towards the achievement of general and complete disarmament and of the objectives of the United Nations,

1. Reaffirms its call upon all States to respect the continent of Africa as a nuclear-free zone;

2. Endorses the declaration on the denuclearization of Africa issued by the Heads of State and Government of African countries;

3. Calls upon all States to respect and abide by the aforementioned declaration;

4. Calls upon all States to refrain from the use, or the threat of use, of nuclear weapons on the African continent;

5. Calls upon all States to refrain from testing, manufacturing, using or deploying nuclear weapons on the continent of Africa, and from acquiring such weapons or taking any action which would compel African States to take similar action;

6. Urges those States possessing nuclear weapons and capability not to transfer nuclear weapons, scientific data or technological assistance to the national control of any State, either directly or indirectly, in any form which may be used to assist such States in the manufacture or use of nuclear weapons in Africa;

7. Expresses the hope that the African States will initiate studies, as they deem appropriate, with a view to implementing the denuclearization of Africa, and take the necessary measures through the Organization of African Unity to achieve this end;

8. Urges the African States to keep the United Nations informed of any further developments in this regard;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to extend to the Organization of African Unity such facilities and assistance as may be requested in order to achieve the aims of the present resolution.

1388th plenary meeting,
3 December 1965.

CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

ENDC/163
26 January 1966
Original: French

LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1966 FROM THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI

Sirs,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary-General by His Holiness Pope Paul VI dated 24 January 1966, containing an urgent appeal for disarmament, on the occasion of the resumption of the work of the Conference of the 18-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

Accept, Sirs, the assurances of my highest consideration.

P.P. Spinelli
Special Representative of the Secretary-General
to the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation
Committee on Disarmament

66-02345

Mr. Secretary-General,

You are aware how closely We follow the efforts of the United Nations to promote peace. Now that the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament is to resume its work at Geneva, We wish to address to you an urgent appeal, inspired by the desire to see the work of this Committee culminate in positive and concrete results, and thus mark a new advance towards the achievement of disarmament, which is so unanimously awaited and desired. In taking this step, We are encouraged by the position recently adopted by over 2,000 Catholic bishops assembled at Rome at the Oecumenical Council. We are also encouraged by the response in the Disarmament Commission to the appeal We made in Bombay and by the favourable reception by world opinion of Our address to the United Nations. In speaking to advocate the great cause of disarmament, We are conscious that We are faithfully following in the path traced by Our predecessors. To quote only the more recent of these predecessors, you are aware of the lucid approach which Pius XII, adopted to the problem from the first War Christmas of his Pontificate. In praying for the advent of an order based on law to succeed the ruins of war, he said that, if the order so established was to enjoy tranquility and permanence, which were the foundations of a true peace, the nations must be delivered from the onerous enslavement of the armaments race and from the danger that material force, instead of serving to guarantee right, might become, on the contrary, a tyrannical instrument for the violation of peace terms which did not attach fundamental importance to disarmament reached by mutual agreement, a disarmament that was organic and progressive, both from the practical and the spiritual point of view, and which, since they did not aim at its honest achievement, would sooner or later reveal their inconsistency and precariousness. Justice, right, reason and humanity, Pope John XXIII proclaimed in his memorable encyclical letter "Pacem in Terris", demand that the arms race should cease, that a general agreement should be reached about disarmament and an effective method of control.

In intervening in Our turn in this sphere, We certainly do not pretend to ignore the complexity of the problem, or to be unaware of the vast difficulties which the United Nations bodies concerned have been facing since their foundation with a resolution and competence to which it is only right to pay a tribute.

There is, however, no denying that, with every day that passes, it is becoming more and more obvious that no lasting peace can be established among men until there has been an effective, general and controlled reduction in armaments. With every day that passes, the contrast also becones more painful and acute between the huge sums being swallowed up by the manufacture of armaments and the immense and growing material distress of over half the human race, whose most elementary needs remain unsatisfied. We are confident that you will receive this intervention on Our part as a testimony of the esteem in which We hold the authority of the United Nations and the high qualifications of the members of the Eighteen-Nation Committee. We would also ask you to see in it the echo of an ardent hope cherished by the men of today, whose views We believe We can and should convey to you on behalf of the Oecumenical Council that has just been held in Rome. It is in this spirit that We express Our wishes for the complete success of the forthcoming discussions at Geneva and that We call for the blessing of Almighty God on these discussions and on those who are to take part in them.

(Signed) PAUL VI

The Vatican,
24 January, 1966